

Stations are receiving coal as per their consumption/requirement. As far as patratu TPS is concerned, the Power Station has adequate coal stocks right from the beginning of the current year and the monthly average consumption is almost matching the monthly receipts at the Power Station.

### **Expansion of Platforms in U.P.**

1877. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure likely to be incurred on expansion of platforms in Uttar Pradesh during the current year; and

(b) the position regarding expansion of platforms No. 2 and 3 at Bareilly junction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 85 lakh approximately.

(b) No such work is being contemplated at present.

### **Earning of Foreign Exchange from tourists**

1878. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned from foreign tourists during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government for making the tourist spots more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are provisionally estimated to be Rs. 2,103 crores, Rs. 2,456 crores and Rs. 2,444 crores, respectively.

(b) Development of tourist spots is primarily the responsibility of the

State Governments. However, the Central Government extends financial assistance to State Governments on their specific proposals.

### **Vayudoot Service in Uttar Pradesh**

1879. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce Vayudoot service in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of the districts where it is proposed to be introduced;

(c) the names of the places where this service is already available;

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce this service in Bareilly district; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Vayudoot is operating to Dehradun, Kanpur and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

### **Ahmedabad as International Airport**

1880. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International flights are being operated from Ahmedabad Airport from January, 1991.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to declare Ahmedabad as an International Airport like Trivandrum Airport;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 26-1-1991, Air India are operating a once weekly service between Bombay and Ahmedabad. This service connects with international flights between Bombay and U.K./U.S.A.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The existing international airports in the country are adequate to cope with the international traffic at present.

### **Kandla-Bhatinda Railway Line**

1881. **SHRI HARIN PATHAK:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress made in the construction of Kandla-Bhatinda broad gauge line?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** 2% of the conversion work of Kandla-Bhatinda line has been completed. 50 Km portion of Lalgah-Merta Road section is targetted for completion during 1991-92.

The final location survey for Viramgam-Bhildi new line/gauge conversion portion has also since been completed.

### **Pilferage of Coal**

1882. **SHRI HARIN PATHAK:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal supplied to industrial units in Gujarat is found

under weight than recorded in the railway receipts; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to check this pilferage?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) In some cases shortage was found after reweighment.

(b) To avoid pilferage in transit, RPF staff guard the coal rakes in the marshalling yards and escort them over vulnerable sections.

### **Tapti gas to Gujarat**

1883. **SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:** Will the Minister of PETROLIUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated allocation for exploration of Tapti gas fields;

(b) how much gas from Tapti gas fields will be allocated to Gujarat, and

(c) the allocation of gas to Gujarat for power projects?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) to (c) Some locations have been identified for drilling depending on the availability of resources and the inter-se priority. Allocations will depend on the availability and policies for the allotment of gas.

### **Closure of Surat, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar Airports**

1884. **SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to close down the Surat, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar airports; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?